

Serial Number 10/750,773

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3 and 4, indicated as allowable in item 6 on page 6 of the Official Action.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14, also indicated as allowable in item 6 on page 6 of the Official Action.

The rejections of claims 1-3, 11-13, 18, and 19 under 35 USC §§102(e) and 103(a) have been rendered moot by the addition, to claims 1 and 11, of subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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